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Dedicated to Laura Garofalo for all her help, support, and love.

And Lillian Delduca Casso.

*In loving memory of Giovanni and Gaetana Carlo,
and Florenza and Alberto Mandato.*

He who fights with monsters might take care lest he thereby become a monster. And if you gaze for long into an abyss, the abyss gazes also into you.”

—FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

Il lupo mangia con le sue zampe.
The wolf eats with its legs.

—LUCKY LUCIANO

In Cosa Nostra, there is an obligation to tell the truth, but there is also a great reserve. And this reserve, the things that are not said, rule like an irrevocable curse over all men of honor. It makes all relationships profoundly false, absurd.

—TOMMASO BUSCETTA (Sicilian Cosa Nostra boss)

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